

REMARKS

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1-25 and 27-37 will be canceled, claim 26 will be amended, and claims 38-47 will be newly added. These changes have been made solely to expedite prosecution of the present application, and no new matter has been added. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of the originally filed claims in this and other applications. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

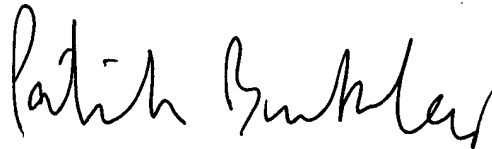
As an initial matter, Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's allowance of claim 26. A minor change has been made to claim 26, and newly added claims 38-45 depend from claim 26. The change made to claim 26 reflects the fact that some of these dependent claims recite actions that might be performed by elements other than a storage device driver (e.g., the actions of claim 38 might be performed by a storage device).

Newly added claim 46 recites limitations similar to those found in claim 26 and should therefore also be allowable.

Applicants also gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's allowance of previously pending claim 29. Newly added claim 47 is identical to previously pending claim 29 and should therefore be allowable.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the pending claims. If any issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions for expediting allowance of the present application, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned via telephone at (203) 972-0191.

Respectfully submitted,



August 1, 2006
Date

Patrick J. Buckley
Registration No. 40,928
Buckley, Maschoff & Talwalkar LLC
Attorneys for INTEL Corporation
Five Elm Street
New Canaan, CT 06840
(203) 972-0191